

# THE MESSENGER

## **EASTERN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH**



#### **QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING**

The Quarterly Church Business Meeting has been moved to Wednesday January 29 6:00 p.m.



in the Reception Room.

Whether your resolution was to lose weight, spend more time in personal Bible study, spend more time in prayer, or whatever your commitment was for the new year, I hope that you are being successful. Studies show that most resolutions that are made at the beginning of the year are forgotten about or broken by the end of January. In fact, the second Friday of January, is referred to as "National Quitters Day" or the day to break your New Year's resolutions.

How Are You Doing With Your New Year's Resolutions?

I hope that you have done better than that with your commitment for this year. One area that is on most of our lists is our prayer time. So many times, there are things we feel that we have under control and do see that it is necessary to pray for. For Christians, everything that we do needs to be bathed in prayer. "Pray without ceasing" is a powerful and inspiring concept found in the Bible, specifically in 1Thessalonians 5:17. As believers we are called to maintain a constant, open line of communication with God throughout our daily lives

Prayer is not just about finding a quiet place and closing our eyes. It can also be about maintaining an ongoing, inner dialogue with God as you go about your day. This means carrying a sense of gratitude, praise, and reliance on God's guidance in every activity.

Turn everyday moments into opportunities for prayer. Whether you are commuting, doing chores, or taking a walk, you can lift your thoughts to God. This can help you stay mindful of His presence. Keeping others in your prayers helps you develop a compassionate and outward-focused mindset. It strengthens your empathy and connects you more deeply with those around you. Prayer is a two-way conversation. Take time to listen and be receptive to God's guidance, wisdom, and encouragement. This can come through scripture, the words of others, or the quite nudges in your heart.

There will be times when it feels challenging to pray or you might feel distant from God. During these times, remember the importance of perseverance and faith. Trust that God hears you and is with you, even when you cannot feel His presence.

If you are looking for a tangible way to begin, start with a simple breath prayer: a short, simple phrase that you can repeat quietly or in your mind throughout the day. For example, "Lord, have mercy," or "Thank you, Jesus."

No other spiritual activity is guaranteed such results. "When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in Heaven goes into action." (Matthew 18:19 MSG) He is moved by the humble, prayerful heart. He is moved by prayer.

Prayer is our connection to God. I hope that your connection gets stronger every day!

Dan Harrison

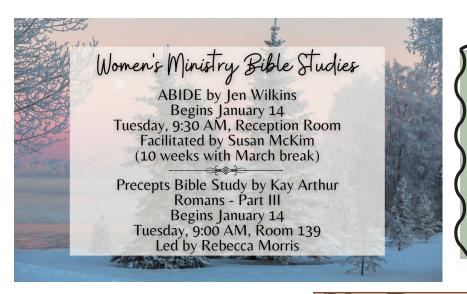
## Reality & Truth



URGENT NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS

JUN-19 | JUL-17 | AUG-21 | NOV-20 | DEC-18

Please consider helping with this opportunity by signing up to share a meal with those who are in need in our community. Please contact the office for more details on how your Sunday School class can help with this ministry.



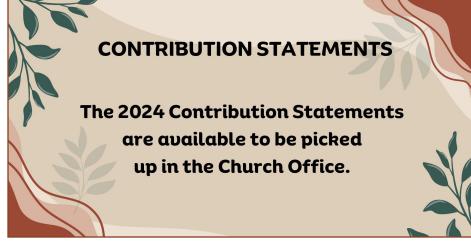
#### **ONLINE GIVING**

If you give online as a recurring giver, make sure your gifts do not end at year end. You can also go online to verify your gifts for 2024.

If you need assistance with your online giving, please call the church office at 272-0604.

# EHBC K

January 26 - Bible Skills Children's Worship Grades: K-3 Please bring your Bible.





**SENIOR ADULT CONECUH SAUSAGE STORE** Evergreen, Alabama

Thursday, February 6 10:00 AM - Bus leaves church 11:00 AM - Arrival Time

Sign up through Realm, in Sundav School or call the church office.

Deadline to sign up: January 30.

#### **EHBC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

MINISTRY ASSISTANT

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING OR WANT MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT DAN HARRISON.

### WORSHIP CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to serve every other month in Worship Care.





#### BINGO

## **SENIOR ADULT LUNCH AND BINGO**

Thursday, January 30 11:30 AM | Reception Room, SweetCreek BBO: \$10 Per Person



Sign up through Realm, in Sunday School or call the church office.

## IN THE PULPIT

SUNDAY, January 26 | 10:30 AM **Pastor Jeremy Smalley True Generosity** Matthew 6:1-4

## **ATTENDANCE** Sunday, January 19, 2025 **SUNDAY SCHOOL** Total In-Person......204 Remote......34 WORSHIP Worship Care.....8 Worship Service.....170 Total Worship......178

## **BUDGET REPORT**

### YTD BUDGET REPORT

Budget Requirements	\$90,391.38
Budget Receipts	73,955.13
UNDER BUDGET	16,436.25

#### 2025 - WEEKLY BUDGET REPORT January 19, 2025

Budget Requirements	\$30,130.46
Budget Receipts	14,853.00
UNDER BUDGET	15,277.46

#### DESIGNATED

Designated	\$2,042.00
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#### SENIOR ADULT EVENTS

Monday, January 27, 8:00 AM - Senior Breakfast Bunch, Chappy's on Perry Hill Road.

Thursday, January 30, 11:30 AM - Lunch & Bingo, Reception Room, Sweetcreek Barbeque. The cost is \$10.00. Sign up online, in Sunday School or call the church office.

Thursday, February 6, 11:00 AM - Lunch at the Conecuh Sausage Store, Evergreen, AL. Bus will leave the church at 10:00 AM. Sign up online, in Sunday School or call the church office. Deadline to sign up is Noon, Thursday, January 30.



Words cannot express how appreciative we are for all the love, support, prayers & texts we received from our EHBC family during our recent hospital stay. Your kindness truly lifted us up, something we will never forget. We love you all and pray frequently for your growth and prosperity.

With Love,

Larry & Barbara Kennedy



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## **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

#### **SUNDAY**

9:15 AM - Sunday School 10:30 AM - Worship Service 8:30 - 10:15 AM - Library Hours

#### **TUESDAY**

6:00 AM - Men's Prayer Meeting in the RR 9:00 AM - Ladies' Precepts Bible Study, Room 139 9:30 AM - WEM Bible Study, Reception Room

#### **WEDNESDAY**

5:00 PM - Supper, Gym

5:45 PM - Acteens

5:45 PM - M<sup>2</sup> Music & Missions (4K - 6th grade)

6:00 PM - Adult Bible Study - Reception Room

6:15 PM - ONE (7th-12th grades) in the Youth Room

6:15 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal

POSTAGE

ADDRESS LABEL